

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): A method for containing lightweight particulate materials for bulk shipment comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a filling station including a hopper for dispensing said materials;
- b) providing a stack of collapsible preassembled containers, each having a cover in generally planar collapsed condition;
- c) providing a supply of synthetic resinous bag-like liner elements;
- d) serially placing said collapsed containers in erected condition beneath said hopper;
- e) placing an individual liner element within an erected container element;
- f) filling said liner element with said particulate material to desired level; and
- g) closing said liner element and closing said container element with a separate cover.

Claim 2 (original): The method in accordance with claim 1, in which said container elements include integral slip sheets.

Claim 3 (original): The method in accordance with claim 1, in which said liner elements are closed by a heat sealing operation.